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Mr. R. Austin Wiswell, Chief
Division of Aeronautics
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RE: Blythe Energy Project Phase II (BEP II)

Dear Mr. Wiswell:

The Energy Commission is nearing the end of its consideration of the Blythe Energy Project, Phase II (BEP II) Application for Certification. The next step in the process will be evidentiary hearings to fully explore those topic areas that remain in contention, including Aviation Safety. Because your agency has provided invaluable comments on this topic in the past and are the state's experts on aviation issues, it would be beneficial to the Energy Commission if you or a representative from your division would attend the hearings to offer your recommendations to the Committee overseeing review of BEP II. We therefore are requesting that CalTrans consider participation in the hearings which are tentatively scheduled to take place in Blythe on August 1 and 2, 2005. We will have a firmer date to give you after the Prehearing Conference, which will occur this Wednesday, June 29, 2005.

We value your assistance and look forward to your continued participation in this matter. I would appreciate it if you could provide me with confirmation at your earliest convenience if you or a representative will attend. Please feel free to contact me at 654-3933 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

TERRENCE O'BRIEN, Deputy Director
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